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TAGS: EG OVIP (MAHMUD, ABDUL HALIM)
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER AND PHOTOS FOR SHEIKH
- OF AL-AZHAR

REF: DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTAL SLIP OF 12/16/77,
- REGISTRY NO. 3968420

1. PRESIDENTIAL LETTER OF THANKS TO SHEIKH OF AL-AZHAR DR. ABDUL HALIM MAHMUD DELIVERED BY POLCOUNS DEC 28 TOGETHER WITH COLOR PHOTOS OF MEETING RECEIVED FROM USIS. DR. MAHMUD WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE TO RECEIVE THEM AND FULL OF PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIS VISIT TO U.S.

2. SHEIKH SAID HIGHLIGHTS OF VISIT HAD BEEN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, DURING WHICH HE HAD MADE TWO MAIN POINTS: (A) THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY THAT JERUSALEM BE RETURNED TO THE HANDS OF THE MUSLIMS IF THERE IS TO BE LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND (B) IMPORTANCE OF RESISTING COMMUNISM THROUGH U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT, PARTICULARLY MAKING DESERT BLOOM THROUGH LATEST AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY AND STRENGTHENING OF MUSLIM FAITH, WHICH IN FIRST INSTANCE IS RESPONSIBILITY OF AL-AZHAR, BUT DUE TO ITS LACK OF FUNDS REQUIRES U.S. SUPPORT.
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SHEIKH SPECIFICALLY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF AL-AZHAR OBTAINING A PRINTING PRESS IN ORDER TO PUBLISH MANY ANTI-COMMUNIST WORKS BEING WRITTEN BY ITS ULEMA. SHEIKH ALSO SPOKE OF NEED FOR A LARGE HOSPITAL FOR WHICH U.S. FUNDS COULD BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO AL-AZHAR. SHEIKH MENTIONED PARENTHETICALLY THAT HE HAD APPEALED TO OTHER ARAB STATES FOR FUNDS BUT RECEIVED ONLY ONE MILLION EACH

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FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT. HE SAID THAT WHILE HE
HAD SPOKEN OF NEED TO RESIST COMMUNISM TO PRESIDENT
CARTER, HE HAD NOT MENTIONED REQUEST FOR FUNDS. WE WILL
DO SEPARATEMESSAGE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS REQUEST.
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